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City of Charleston Issued Emergency Order to Vacate 1984 Folly Road

Charleston, S.C.--Following a joint inspection by city fire and building inspectors the city of Charleston has issued an emergency order to the Pelican Pointe HOA to vacate the buildings located at 1984 Folly Road until repairs are made.

After receiving a structural engineering <u>report from Spartan Engineering Services</u>, <u>LLC</u>, which indicated the stairways were determined to be in "near-collapse failure," inspectors from the city Building Inspection Division and Fire Marshal Division immediately visited the site.

City staff verified the extent of the damage and reported unsafe conditions. Due to the severe deterioration of all exit stairs, an emergency order to vacate the building was issued to the Pelican Pointe HOA until such time repairs are made or temporary stairs can be constructed.

The city is working with the property management company to ensure that residents are able to safely access their units in order to retrieve medicines and other necessary items.

City of Charleston chief building official Edye Graves said, "We've been told that architects for the building are currently preparing a plan to provide a temporary solution that would allow residents to safely return to their units while long-term repairs are made."

Residents with questions should contact their property management company to learn more about the firm's timeline. City staff has met with residents and requested that the property management company provide the names of any residents who may need emergency shelter.

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